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SUBJECT: ALLEGED US BLOCKADE OF ANGOLA

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SHOULD THE QUESTION OF A US "BLOCKADE" OF ANGOLA BE RAISED WITH THE EMBASSY, YOU MAY REPLY THAT THE CHARGES ARE A DISTORTION OF OUR POSITION. TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE, YOU MAY EXPLAIN THAT THE ONLY FORMAL STEP WE TOOK WAS TO SUSPEND THE EXPORT LICENSE OF TWO BOEING 737 AIRCRAFT SOLD (AND PAID FOR) BY THE ANGOLAN AIRLINE. THIS WAS DONE TO FORESTALL THEIR USE IN THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR. IN ADDITION, WE SUPPORT GULF OIL IN ITS DECISION TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT OF OIL TAXES AND ROYALTIES UNTIL THE COMPETING CLAIMS OF TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN BE SORTED OUT AND THERE IS GENERAL RECOGNITION OF A REGIME IN ANGOLA. WE HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN ANY BOYCOTT OF SHIPPING AND HAVE NOT UNDERTAKEN TO STOP ANY EUROPEAN VESSELS FROM OFFLOADING THERE. YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT THE REASON EUROPEAN VESSELS ARE BYPASSING LUANDA IS THAT THE CONSTANT STREAM OF SOVIET, CUBAN AND EAST EUROPEAN FREIGHTERS BRINGING TANKS, PLANES, TROOPS AND WAR SUPPLIES TO THE CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN ANGOLA MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR OTHER FREIGHTERS TO BE HANDLED. INGERSOLL

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